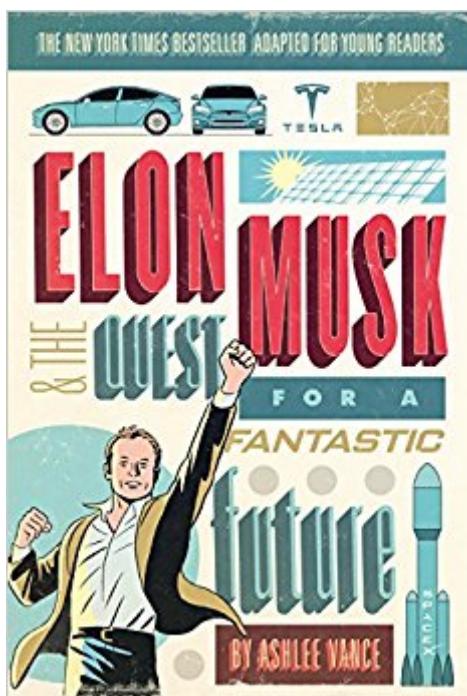


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Elon Musk And The Quest For A Fantastic Future Young Readers' Edition



Synopsis

An in-depth look into the extraordinary life of the world's most important entrepreneur, Elon Musk. This fascinating and easily accessible young readers' adaptation of Ashlee Vance's New York Times bestselling *Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future* features black-and-white photographs throughout and an epilogue. The version for adults has been praised as "riveting" (The Financial Times), "spirited" (The Wall Street Journal), and "masterful" (Vice). Now younger readers can read about this innovative leader who is revolutionizing three industries at once: space, automotive, and energy. There are few people in history who could match Elon Musk's relentless drive and vision. A modern combination of famous inventors and industrialists like Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, and Steve Jobs, Elon is the man behind companies such as SpaceX, Tesla Motors, SolarCity, and PayPal that are transforming the way we live. Written with exclusive access to Elon, his family, and his friends, this book traces Elon's journey from a kid in South Africa to a young man in the United States, his dramatic technical inventions, and his world-changing companies. Elon has sparked new levels of innovation in the world, and this book gives young readers a detailed but fast-paced look at his story. A Junior Library Guild Selection!

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Customer Reviews

“Along with views of youth and early geekdom, [Vance] relates suspenseful accounts of technical and financial crises, conducts tours of Musk’s factories and brings his story up to early 2016. Overall, the author offers a picture of a brilliant, driven man, a modern American success story, neither overly earnest nor unreservedly adulatory.” (Kirkus Reviews) “An informative and easy-to-follow biography of one of today’s top innovators for young readers.” (Booklist) “Vance maintains a lively pace and explains the groundbreaking technology in a way that is accessible and exciting....Highly recommended for high school and ambitious middle school readers for its insights into Musk, technology, and venture capitalism.” (School Library Journal) “Musk may not be as instantly recognizable to teens as Zuckerberg or Jobs, but given his work with PayPal, Tesla, and SpaceX, he should be. Vance delves into all of his work with detailed passion. (Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books)

Ashlee Vance is one of the most prominent writers on technology today. After spending several years reporting on Silicon Valley and technology for the New York Times, Vance went to Bloomberg Businessweek, where he has written dozens of cover and feature stories for the magazine on topics ranging from cyber espionage to DNA sequencing and space exploration.

Awesome Thanks!

My son has been inspired by this book. He really liked it!

I read the adult version a couple years ago. It was a great and inspirational book for anyone, but especially someone younger aspiring to be an entrepreneur. The main issue with the book is that you couldn't really give it to a kid because it was riddled with F-bombs. It worked in the adult version because it gave you a sense of Musk's sharp character, but obviously not something you would want someone in elementary school reading. I bought two of these—one for my niece and one for my nephew. I read through part of the first chapter and the adaptation seemed good. Some of the concepts seemed a little above an 8-year olds' capacity, but I don't have any kids that old yet, so I may be setting the bar too low. I will update with my niece and nephew's impressions.

This is a young readers' adaptation of the adult version book Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the

Quest for a Fantastic Future by the same author that came out in 2015. There are a lot of books on Elon Musk but the one by Ashlee Vance is the only one that gained exclusive interviews with Elon Musk, his friends, family members and immediate associates. I enjoyed reading anything regarding Elon Musk, one of the most badass entrepreneurs of our time, and this book is perhaps the best read about him, his childhood in South Africa, his move to Canada, his early businesses and his current companies. Great insight into Elon Musk's life and a must read for young aspiring entrepreneurs...or for pretty much everyone even if you are not into entrepreneurship or business.

Summary: Brief-ish biography of Elon Musk that avoids hagiography by explaining the clean-energy mogul's colossal failures and some of his character flaws with a good amount of detail. Readers will get a sense of the risks that paid rewards for Elon Musk and a glimpse into how car, solar panel, and aerospace technologies work.

Appeal: Rich people and fast toys are an easy sell for most teens. Most of the language and the pacing is intended for an ages 12 and up reader. I also learned that Elon is quite the videogamer and is known to beat his employees in shooter games like Counterstrike. My students will want Elon Musk to be their boss one day!

Possible issues with comprehension: I want this book to be accessible to most middle and high school students, I really do, unfortunately the author skips over some of the basics like what it means for a company to "go public" and slips into unnecessary business-ese. An example from p. 167: "SpaceX can undercut its U.S. competitors -- Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Orbital Sciences -- by a ridiculous margin." Why not just say "make it more cheaply"? A few diagrams and/or illustrations and descriptions of how doohickies work would have also improved this book from the STEM side. Curious and motivated readers can probably find additional information online to aid comprehension, but it's too bad there wasn't an easy resource within the text or with a glossary.

Recommended for: Readers who enjoy technology and/or teaching readers how to skim, skip, and use a book for additional research online and in other texts.

My 12-year-old son loved and was inspired by this book. It's so great that there's a "young readers edition".

This book is in my opinion the best book I've ever read. It really got me into electric cars. I like them so much I am trying to talk my mom or dad into getting a Tesla model 3.

Kids would be inspired by Elon. He is leading the way. LuNel

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